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Dear Parent/Carer,

Mary Poppins Rehearsals and Dates:

As you are aware, your son/daughter has been working incredibly hard this academic year, towards our upcoming performance of the Disney musical, Mary Poppins.

As we approach the final few weeks of rehearsals, it is important to point out that attendance to these is crucial, so that students feel ready and confident to perform on opening night and throughout the three performances.

Mr McNeill places all rehearsal days and times on Classcharts, so students need to ensure that they check this regularly. Mrs Rodway holds dance rehearsals every Monday 3:15-4:15pm and uses Classcharts to inform students of any changes to this. If there is a problem accessing Classcharts, please do let us know, as we do not want any student to miss out on any part of the rehearsal process.

At this point, it is also important that we make you fully aware of the commitment expected from students in our show week. Therefore, please find dates below for rehearsals which are compulsory and then show dates.

If there is a reason that your child will be unable to attend any of these dates, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

Sunday 27th April - Technical Rehearsal 10-3pm (All cast and crew)

Monday 28th April - Dress Rehearsal (All cast and crew during the school day)

Wednesday 30th April - 1st show. All cast and crew back on school site by 5:30pm for 6:30pm start

Thursday 1st May - 2nd show. All cast and crew back on school site by 5:30pm for 6:30pm start

Friday 2nd May - 3rd show. All cast and crew back on school site by 5:30pm for 6:30pm start

Raffle and costs:

Performing a show such as Mary Poppins, incurs significant costs, such as the rights to the show, the hire of technical equipment and support, and costumes, to name a few. Therefore, each year we aim to support these costs by fundraising towards them.



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Encouraging students to play a part in this, means that they understand many areas of performing arts, such as the unseen organisation and support that is needed to ensure that a show is a success.

We will shortly be sending your child home with a sheet of 10 raffle tickets that we would appreciate them trying to sell to friends, family etc. This is not compulsory, but the money raised does ensure that we can keep costs to our families to a minimum and often ensures that there is no cost to you for your child's costume or participation.

We also like to create a bit of competition and cast collaboration! So, the student(s) that sell the most raffle tickets, will win 2 free tickets to a show night of their choice! We will set a date for the raffle sheets to be returned and students can ask for more raffle sheets at any time.

Tickets:

Tickets will shortly go on sale and will be available on Parentpay and at the school Reception. They are priced at £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for concessions.

Please do make your purchases as soon as you can. Tickets can be collected from Reception after payment.

We never like to let anybody down regarding a ticket, but we do have to keep within Health and Safety regulations. We have a maximum capacity in the School Hall and we cannot guarantee that there will be any tickets available on the door. We have found that all of our most recent concerts or shows have been sell out performances, so securing your tickets is very important.

There is a lot of key information included within this letter, so as ever, if you have any queries or concerns about anything, please do get in touch with either Mrs Rodway or Mr McNeill and we will endeavour to clarify or answer any further questions.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.
See you at the show!

Mrs Kathryn Rodway
Head of Performance



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